



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *The Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and the Connect USVI Fund*, WC Docket No. 18-143; *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket No. 14-58

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In the *PR-USVI Fund Notice*, the Commission sought comment on how best to structure the second stage of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and the Connect USVI Fund to speed longer-term efforts to rebuild fixed and mobile voice and broadband networks in the territories and harden them against future natural disasters.¹ In this letter, the Wireline Competition Bureau provides the following list of readily available information that the Commission may consider as part of that proceeding:

1. *The Places in the U.S. Where Disaster Strikes Again and Again*, New York Times (May 24, 2018), available at <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/05/24/us/disasters-hurricanes-wildfires-storms.html>
2. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Hurricane Research Division, Frequently Asked Questions: What Is My Chance of Being Struck by a Tropical Storm or Hurricane?, available at <https://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/tcfaq/G11.html>
3. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Hurricane Maria's Devastation of Puerto Rico (Aug. 1, 2018), available at <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/hurricane-marias-devastation-puerto-rico>
4. Data USA: Puerto Rico, <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/puerto-rico/>
5. The United States Census Bureau, Population and Housing Unit Estimates, Schedule, available at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/about/schedule.html>.
6. The United States Census Bureau, Puerto Rico Commonwealth Population Characteristics: 2010-2018, available at <https://www.census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/popest/2010s-detail-puerto-rico.html>.
7. The United States Census Bureau, Puerto Rico Commonwealth Population Totals and Components of Change: 2010-2018, available at <https://www.census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/popest/2010s-total-puerto-rico.html>.

¹ See generally *The Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and the Connect USVI Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 18-143, 10-90, 14-58, Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 33 FCC Rcd 5404 (2018) (*PR-USVI Fund Notice*).

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8. The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS), Network Reliability Steering Committee (NRSC) Standards and Technical Reports, ATIS-0100019 Emergency Preparedness and Response Checklist (2019), available at https://www.atis.org/01_committ_forums/nrsc/documents/

Sincerely,



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